

A record-breaking Bank Holiday weekend?

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After a rather unsettled couple of weeks, it's going to turn warm and sunny for many - just in time for the late August Bank Holiday weekend.

From Friday (23rd August) south easterly winds will draw warm air from Europe towards the UK, bringing rising temperatures along with dry and settled weather.

Deputy Chief Meteorologist, Dan Harris said: "August has been mixed so far with some rather unsettled spells for many, however that's going to change this weekend as we see high temperatures, sunshine and light winds return. On Saturday and Sunday there'll be plenty of sunshine, especially in the east, with temperatures rising into the mid to high 20s Celsius for many - it'll be warmest in south-eastern parts where 31°C is most likely. Western parts are likely to see more cloud, and a probable cooling trend through the weekend.

"By Monday the higher temperatures will likely become confined to the south east of England where temperatures into the low 30's Celsius could again occur – which would set a new record for the coming Summer Bank Holiday Monday."

The current highest temperature on record for the UK during the Late Summer Bank holiday weekend is 31.5°C recorded at Heathrow, London in 2001, for Northern Ireland is 27°C recorded in Knockareven, Co. Fermanagh in 2003 and for Wales is 27.3°C at Velindre, Powys in 2003. For Bank Holiday Monday the current highest temperature on record for the UK is 28.2°C at Holbeach, Lincolnshire in 2017, Northern Ireland is 23.8°C in Banagher, Co. Derry in 1983 and for Wales is 26.5°C was recorded at Crossway, Gwent in Wales in 1991. Monday is not a Bank Holiday in Scotland, however.

RAC spokesman Rod Dennis said: "With summer returning in time for the weekend for many of us, it's going to mean millions of us take to the road for day trips and short breaks. Unfortunately, as the temperature rises so can the chances of a breakdown – so it's important drivers check over their vehicle before setting out. Tyre pressure and tread, as well as oil and coolant levels, should all be looked at and doing so can really cut the chances of breaking down.

"Hungry, thirsty or tired passengers can also be recipes for in-car irritability – and 'carguments' – so pack enough food and water to keep your passengers happy, and plan in enough breaks along the way."

With temperatures expected to be well above average for the time of year, [heatwave](#) thresholds will be met across many parts of the country. The Met Office has issued several [heat health alerts](#) in partnership with Public Health England.

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